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ABSTRACT

State, regional, and national adoption resources are described in this directory for residents of Region X states (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). Emphasizing the adoption of children with special needs, the directory gives organizational contacts for parents in various stages of the adoption process and mentions resources for social service workers assisting adoption. Providing organizational names and addresses, telephone numbers, and the names of contact persons, section I describes the many adoption agencies and parent groups operating in the states comprising Region X. Section II lists regional resources, briefly describing the Northwest Adoption Exchange and the Northwest Resource Center for Children, Youth, and Families. Section III mentions national resources, briefly describing the National Adoption Exchange, the National Committee for Adoption, the Native American Adoption Resource Exchange, and the North American Council on Adoptable Children. Also listed are the 10 regional resource centers for children, youth, and families. Described in appendices are resources for adopting children with developmental disabilities and for adopting Black, American-Indian, and Alaskan Native children. Also mentioned in appended listings are agencies offering training in areas related to adoption and permanency planning. (RH)

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Adoption Resource Directory

NORTHWEST RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington

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ADOPTION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

REGION X

The Northwest Resource Center for Children, Youth, and Families is pleased to make available the Adoption Resource Directory for Region X. The directory describes adoption resources, with a focus on the adoption of children with special needs, in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. This directory builds on the work of the Region X Adoption Resource Center.

Organizational contacts for parents in various stages of the adoption process and resources for social services workers in assisting in the adoption process, are presented. The directory also provides quick reference about adoption sources. We also hope that the directory assists in the networking of adoption organizations and services in the Northwest.

The information included was compiled from responses from agencies, parent groups, and adoption projects during Spring, 1983. An attempt was made to be as comprehensive as possible.

The Resource Center is pleased to make this directory available at no cost to agencies, parent groups, and other interested individuals and organizations in the Northwest. We do ask that you complete the questionnaire on the last page and return it to us. We are interested in your response.

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July, 1983

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ALASKA

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES
Pouch H-05 (Central Office)
Juneau, AK 99811
(907) 465-3170

Contact Person:
Yvonne Elder/Kay Smith
Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED	Statewide service.
PURPOSE:	To provide statewide child protective services and adoption services to children in state custody. Working with and encouraging Native social service agencies to develop foster care and adoption services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Alaska resident.
FEE SCHEDULE:	None.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Counseling services to individuals and families.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	Varies depending on location.
-Fee exceptions:	No fees.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Normal.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirements:	None.
-Length of marriage:	Ask for stable marriage. Approximately two years.
-Transracial placements:	Considered when adoptive parents of the child's own racial background are not available.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes.

ALASKA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES

REGIONAL OFFICES

SOUTHEAST REGION

515 Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, AK 99801
(907)586-1861

Box 1069
Sitka, AK 99835
(907)747-8608

SOUTHERN REGION

415 Main Street
Room 201 State Building
Ketchikan, AK 99901
(907)225-6611

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

3601 "C" Street
Pouch 6333
Anchorage, AK 99502-0333
(907)561-4240

Anchorage Services Unit
400 Gambell Street
#201 Blomfeld Building
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907)276-1450 or (907)274-1615

Wasilla Field Office
P.O. Box 3060
Wasilla, AK 99687
(907)376-2486

Glenallen/Copper Center
Box 314
Copper Center, AK 99573
(907)822-3089

Eagle River
Box 607
Eagle River, AK 99577
(907)694-9546 or (907)694-9547

Box 3493
Kenai, AK 99611
(907)283-3136

565 E. Pioneer
Box 1420
Homer, AK 99603
(907)235-7114

Box 1227
Cordova, AK 99574
(907)424-7133 or (907)424-7131

Box 184
Unalaska, AK 99685

Box 2515
State Building
Kodiak, AK 99615
(907)486-6173 or (907)486-6174 & 6175

NORTHERN REGION

Drawer 40
1919 Lathrop Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907)452-1844

Box 239
Galena, AK 99741
(907)656-1667

Box 149
Fort Yukon, AK 99740
(907)662-2331

P.O. Box 69
Barrow, AK 99723
(907)852-5600

Box 686
Delta Junction, AK 99736
(907)895-4452

WESTERN REGIONS

Box 328
State Office Building
Bethel, AK 99559
(907)543-3141

NORTHWESTERN REGION

Box 221
Nome, AK 99662
(907)443-5247

Box 41
Kotzebue, AK 99752
(907)442-3226

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
3935 Reka Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Contact Person:
Jim Brenner
Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: All of Alaska.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Now looking into foreign adoptions.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	3 months.
-Age range of parents accepted:	25 years and up.
-Single parent:	25 years and up.
-Religious/financial requirement:	No particular religious requirement; must be financially able to care for child.
-Length of marriage:	Approximately 5 years.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Some, depending on geographical location of adoptive couple.

FAIRBANKS COUNSELING AND ADOPTION
P.O. Box 1544
Fairbanks, AK 99707
(907)456-4729

Contact Person:
Jaqueline Eklund, MSW, ACSW, Adoption Supervisor
Melody Jamieson, Adoption Caseworker
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Fairbanks and vicinity, including Northern Alaska.

HISTORY: The Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks established Catholic Community Resources in 1977. Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption is an agency of this non-profit corporation.

PURPOSE: To strengthen family life and provide much needed service to the people of Northern Alaska.

ELIGIBILITY: All persons are eligible to receive services without regard to race, creed, sex, or ability to pay.

FEE SCHEDULE: $50 application fee; $650 home study fee; $250 re-study fee; $500 placement fee (except in foreign adoptions); $300 post-placement fee; terms can be arranged.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Marriage/family/divorce counseling; adoption services; unwed teens/troubled youth counseling. Also sponsor Family Life Workshops and "Beginning Experience" seminars. Provide adoptive placements for children released to the agency and assist in international, interstate, and interagency adoptions.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	0-1 months.
-Fee exceptions:	Considered on a case by case basis.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Flexible.
-Single parents:	Considered.
-Large families:	Considered.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Depends on needs of child; none stated.
-Length of marriage:	Prefer 3 years, flexible for special needs adoption.
-Transracial placements:	Considered.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Can be arranged.

ALASKA PARENT GROUPS

HOMER ADOPTIVE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

SRA Box 29-A
Homer, AK 99603
(907)235-7677

Contact Person:
Bev Stolen

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Lower Kenai Peninsula (Alaska)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	OURS
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Third Thursday of each month
NEWSLETTER:	Every two months we put out a newsletter.
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	The Home Adoptive Parents Association is a parent support group for all involved in and interested in adoption. We support education of the public on adoption issues and will provide to the best of our ability moral support, a social outlet, information, and aid on adoption to all who are interested. We believe that every child deserves a permanent home.

INTERIOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS
1018 - 26th Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907)452-5397

Contact Person:
Sue White

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Fairbanks and surrounding area, including some bush areas.
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1981
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Second Tuesday of month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	IAP is a support group for all adoptive families. IAP is concerned with helping parents build families; helping children find families; helping families before an adoption, with the paper work during the adoption process; and helping adoptive families cope with those problems and questions peculiar to adoption. IAP acts a a public forum for adoption possibilities.

INTERIOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

SR 50119
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907)456-6994

Contact Person:
Olga Cock

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Interior of Alaska
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoptive Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1980
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Public meetings quarterly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	(1) disseminating informtion about adoption opportunities in public meetings, news articles; (2) social gatherings for adoptive parents.
COMMENTS:	Fifteen children have come to Fairbanks in the time we have been functioning; it is exciting work!

JUNEAU ADOPTIVE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
5680 Thane Road
Juneau, AK 99801
(907)586-2394

Contact Person:
Virginia Cassell

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Juneau Borough-part of Southeast Alaska
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1981
NEWSLETTER:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Making the community aware of adoption resources available and support of members who are having difficulties with the adoption process or with newly added family members. Also, important purpose is conducting pre-adopt meetings with WACAP applicants.

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KENAI PENINSULA ADOPTIVE PARENTS GROUP

Box 1356
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907)262-9280

Contact Person:
Karen Sheldon

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Sterling and Soldotna (Alaska)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Monday of every monthly, except July
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To guide people to their appropriate resource for the particular adoption they are doing.

SITKA ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP
P.O. Box 2047
Sitka, AK 99835
(907)747-3716

Contact Person:
Greg Johnstone

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Greater Sitka Borough (Alaska)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1980
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Third Thursday of the month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Family support and information.
COMMENTS:	We will work with anyone or any agency to help smooth the adoption process.

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VALDEZ WACAP
P.O. Box 1352
Valdez, AK 99686
(907)835-5207

Contact Person:
Beverly Robinson Churchill

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Valedz, Alaska

AGENCY AFFILIATION: Adoption Services of WACAP

COMMENTS: Those interested in starting a group should contact the person above, who is a WACAP counselor.

IDAHO

ADOPTIONS IN IDAHO, AID, INC.
P.O. Box 729
Post Falls, ID 83854
(208) 773-0526

Contact Person
Susan Smith, Director
Hours: 9:00-3:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Idaho and Montana

HISTORY: AID has been formed due to a lack of resources in this state for persons interested in applying for adoption. AID sometimes has custody of children but focuses on assisting in overseas adoptions and searching and placement of US children - especially special needs children.

PURPOSE: Adoptions In Idaho is dedicated to the purpose of uniting waiting children - regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, physical, emotional or mental condition - with adoptive families who are able to share and expand their concept of a family and believe that every child has a right to a home of his/her own.

AID is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-denominational agency that will, while working hand in hand with the State of Idaho and other agencies, prepare prospective adoptive parents for adoption, prepare homestudies on the prospective parents, do searching of children for placement, the placement of the child with the adoptive family and provide post-placement services. In addition, AID provides relinquishment counseling, prepares termination and receives custody of children for adoptive placement.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications will be accepted from all interested persons after attending required AIM (Adoption Information Meetings) Sessions.

FEE SCHEDULE: The fees including AIM Sessions, application fees, homestudy and post-placement services and searching is $920.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate Waiting Time Before Study:	30 days.
-Fee Exceptions:	Some small reductions for previous Idaho Department of Health and Welfare study may be possible.
-Age Range of Parents Accepted:	21 and over.
-Single Parents:	Yes.
-Large Families:	Yes.
-Religious/Financial Requirements:	No.
-Length of Marriage:	1 Year and over.
-Transracial Placements:	Yes.
-Evening/Weekend Appointments:	Yes.

COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE/ENROLLMENT OFFICE
COEUR D'ALENE SUB-AGENCY
PLUMMER, ID 83851
(208)274-3101
Contact Person:
Richard James Mullen, Enrollment Officer
Hours: 7:30-4:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Coeur D'Alene Indian Reservation

HISTORY: Coeur D'Alene Tribe has been recording tribal census since 1940.

PURPOSE: To maintain record of Tribal citizens and to keep accurate blood degrees for enrollment with tribe.

ELIGIBILITY: A person must have ½ total degree Indian blood or more. One parent must be on the rolls or adoptive parent.

FEE SCHEDULE: None.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Coeur D'Alene Tribal Enrollment Officer or Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 227, Lapwai, ID, 83540-0277.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Adoption Committee, Lavinia Alexander, c/o Coeur D'Alene Tribe.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, ADOPTION SERVICES
Statehouse Mall
Boise, ID 83720
(208)334-4103

Contact Person:
Shirley Wheatley
Hours: 8:00-5:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Statewide service.

HISTORY: The state adoption program began with the Department of Health and Welfare in 1964, following a study by the Idaho Children's Commission set up by the 1961 legislature. The adoption program is coordinated in the Central Office. Staff is determined by the 7 regions in the Department. Larger regions have adoption units to cover services. Each region has at least one caseworker who has special skills and training in adoption services.

PURPOSE: Provide a statewide adoption program to meet the needs of children in the guardianship of the Department. Provide services to the court in independent adoptions and services to adoptive parents wishing to apply for children outside the state of Idaho.

ELIGIBILITY: Live and have residence in the state of Idaho.

FEE SCHEDULE: Fees are charged for applicants wishing to adopt outside the state or foreign adoption. The application fee is $300 for applicants requesting normal, healthy children through age three years. The placement fee is $300 for a normal, healthy child through age three years. $1,750 medical charge for a normal, healthy child up through age three.
Fees are not charged for children with special needs or those determined hard-to-place.
$200 for home investigation and report to the court on independent and step-parent adoptions.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Protective and counseling services to children, services to prospective adoptive parents, services to unwed parents, post adoptive placement services are provided by the Department.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Five adoptive parent groups.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study: Depends on regional staff. Adoptive home study must be completed within 3 months once the study is initiated.

-Fee exceptions: $25 charged to all applicants applying with the agency.

-Age range of parents accepted: Within normal child-bearing age.

-Single parents: Accepted.

-Large families: Not considered for normal healthy infants or toddlers. Evaluated for "special needs" and older children

-Religious/financial requirement: Non-sectarian; must be able to support an additional member of the family.

-Length of marriage: 3 years.

-Transracial placements: Considered when adoptive parents of the child's own racial background are not available.

-Evening/weekend appointments: Determined by individual caseworkers.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

REGIONAL OFFICES

REGION I

1120 Ironwood Drive
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
(208) 667-3461

REGION II

P.O. Drawer B
Lewiston, Idaho 83501
(208) 746-2651

P.O. Box 8669
Moscow, Idaho 83843
(208) 882-2433

P.O. Box 672
Orofino, Idaho 83544
(208) 476-4511

Courthouse, Room 30
Grangeville, Idaho 83530
(208) 983-0620

REGION III

107 Poplar
Caldwell, Idaho 83605
(208) 454-0421

508 East Florida
Nampa, Idaho 83651
466-8981

REGION IV

1105 South Orchard
Boise, Idaho 83720
(208) 338-7130

REGION V

P.O. Box 1509
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
(208) 734-4000

531 E. 5th
Burley, Idaho 83318
(208) 678-1121

REGION VI

P.O. Box 4166
Pocatello, Idaho 83201
(208) 236-6061

P.O. Box 129
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
(208) 785-5826

Cedarview Professional Plaza
421 West 2nd South, Suite 2
Soda Springs, Idaho 83276
(208) 545-4317

REGION VII

P.O. Box 1709
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401
(208) 525-7180

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LDS SOCIAL SERVICES
1420 East 17th Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(208)522-0061

Contact Person:
Arthur E. Finch, Jr.
Hours: 8:30-5:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Southeastern Idaho.

HISTORY: LDS Social Services includes a system of agencies which is world-wide, serving the United States, Canada and several foreign countries.

PURPOSE: To provide a loving, accepting family (with father and mother) for a child having those needs and to offer maximum protection to all parties involved.

ELIGIBILITY: Couples under 40 years of age with less than two children are eligible for healthy, matched infants. Parents over 40 years of age with additional children may be considered for older or special needs children.

FEE SCHEDULE: Fees are based upon expenses involved and ability of family to reimburse the agency.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Unwed Parent Services include foster care, casework, schooling, medical care, prenatal instruction, legal services. Adoption services include adoptive study and home study, placement, supervisory visits and legal assistance.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study: Study begins immediately.

-Fee exceptions: To be determined by Agency Director upon inquiry.

-Age range of parents accepted: Indefinite, dependent upon needs of child.

-Single parents: Placements not made with single parents.

-Large families: Considered, dependent upon needs of child.

-Religious/financial requirements: LDS - stable financial condition with promising earning ability.

-Length of marriage: Over three years.

-Transracial placements: Matching where possible, otherwise interest and acceptance.

-Evening/weekend appointments: No.

LDS SOCIAL SERVICES
(Pocatello Branch)
920 Deon Drive, Suite D
Pocatello, ID 83201
(208)232-7780
Contact Person: Larry D. Washburn
Hours: 8:30-5:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Southern Idaho (Pocatello, Arimo, American Falls, Blackfoot, Burley, Twin Falls)

HISTORY: LDS Social Services includes a system of agencies which is worldwide, serving the United States, Canada and several foreign countries.

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION: To provide a loving, accepting family (with father and mother) for a child having those needs and to offer maximum protection to all parties involved.

ELIGILIBILITY: Couples under 40 years of age with less than two children are eligible for healthy, matched infants. Parents over 40 years of age with additional children may be considered for older or special needs children.

FEE SCHEDULE: Fees are based upon expenses involved and ability of family to reimburse the agency.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Unwed Parent Services include foster care, casework, schooling, medical care, prenatal instruction, legal services. Adoption services include adoptive study and home study, placement, supervisory visits and legal assistance.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study: Study begins immediately.
- Fee exceptions: To be determined by agency director upon inquiry.
- Age range of parents accepted: Indefinite, dependent upon needs of child.
- Single parents: Placements not made with single parents.
- Large families: Considered, dependent upon needs of child.
- Religious/Financial requirements: LDS - stable financial condition with promising earning ability.
- Length of marriage: Over three years.
- Transracial placements: Matching where possible, otherwise interest and acceptance.
- Evening/weekend appointments: No.

NORTH IDAHO CHILDREN'S HOME ADOPTION SERVICES
P.O. Box 319
Lewiston, ID 83501
(208)743-9404

Contact Person:
Dr. Mark Hopper, Director; Patricia Markley, Adoption Specialist
Hours: 9:00-5:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	North Idaho families within 100 mile radius of agency.
HISTORY:	Established in 1909, the North Idaho Children's Home has always offered an adoption service, licensed to place across state lines as well as in Idaho.
PURPOSE:	Multi-purpose agency serving the needs of children. Children in residence for treatment only.
FEE SCHEDULE:	For adoption - $300 for complete pre- and post-adoptive.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Treatment center, education, family resource center, adoption agency.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Caseworker plus family resource center.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	4-6 weeks.
-Fee exceptions:	The $300 can be waived if it presents a hardship, especially when another agency with high fees, such as in foreign adoption, is involved.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Evaluated individually.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	No specific requirement.
-Length of marriage:	At least 3 years.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Individually arranged when necessary.

IDAHO PARENT GROUPS

FAMILY OUTREACH
Route 3, Box 268
Buhl, ID 83316
(208)543-5005

Contact Person:
Cecilia Kimball

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Southwestern Idaho
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1983
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Attempt meeting every month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Conduct preadoption meetings for prospective WACAP families. Also will be planning activities to aid various international orphanages and placement agencies.

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FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION
Route 1, Box 11900
Inkom, ID 83245
(208)775-3474 or (208)232-0537

Contact Person:
Becky Black

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Southeast Idaho
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Providing adoption information meetings for the community and surrounding communities. Providing support, encouragement, and information to the people going through the adoption process and continued support for the family completed through adoption. Recruitment of adoptive families.

FOREVER FAMILIES
P.O. Box 7824
Boise, ID 83707
(208)345-9493 or (208)375-0570

Contact Person:
Susan Dufenhorst or Barbara Keenan

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Southwest Idaho
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1980
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Informational meetings (speakers) and socials
NEWSLETTERS:	Quarterly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Help persons interested in adoption, support those in the process, get togethers for those who have adopted children.
COMMENTS:	We have grown to quite a large group since private agencies have come to Idaho and meeting the families through the pre-adopt meetings in our homes.

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LEWIS AND CLARK ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
3628 16th Street
Lewiston, ID 83501
(208)743-0391

Contact Person:
Lori Coons

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Central Idaho and Asotin County (Washington)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1981
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
NEWSLETTERS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Our group encourages local, foreign, and national adoptions. We meet to support each other and give our children social contacts with other adopted children.

NORTH IDAHO ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
P.O. Box 729
Post Falls, ID 83854
(208)773-0526

Contact Person:
Tracy Leinbaugh

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Northern Idaho
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoptions in Idaho (AID)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1979
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly
NEWSLETTERS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Assistance to prospective adoptive parents. Socialization for adoptees.
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:	$10 annual dues, includes newsletter

OPEN HEARTS
2734 Southview Circle
Burley, ID 83318
(208)678-4966

Contact Person:
Tami Jackson

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Southeastern Idaho
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1983
NEWSLETTERS:	Quarterly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUPS:	Bringing children and families together and for the support of adoptive families.

SOUTHERN IDAHO PARENTS FOR CHILDREN

Contact Persons:
Dottie Marlow
Route 1
Buhl, ID 83316
(208)543-5409

or

Katie Eilers
1525 Highland Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208)733-1370

GEOGRPHIC AREA:	Southern Idaho
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoptions in Idaho
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1981
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Third Thursday of each month. First Baptist Church (Twin Falls).
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To be supportive of other adoptive families, ie., problems with bonding, adjusting, etc. Also, helping prospective adoptive families with paperwork, waiting, etc.

OREGON

ALBERTINA KERR CENTERS FOR CHILDREN
424 NE 22nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 239-8101

Contact Person:
Herbert Hansen, Director of Professional Services
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State of Oregon
HISTORY:	Agency began operation in 1907; headed by W.G. MacLaren. Adoption since 1912. Early support from Alexander Kerr (Kerr Glass Jar Co.). Three staff involved in adoption, all staff ACSW.
PURPOSE:	To provide a broad range of child welfare services for children in need.
ELIGIBILITY:	Need.
FEE SCHEDULE:	For some programs. Contributions, based on ability to pay, encouraged from adopting parents.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Complete range of adoptive services including inter-agency, interstate and overseas adoption. Extensive post-placement and post-adoptive services. Maternity services.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Program Committee (board & staff committee). Albertina Kerr is represented on the Council of Families for Children (adoptive agency consortium).

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	None.
-Fee exceptions:	Always available - based on family income, circumstances.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Individual consideration.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	No requirement.
-Length of marriage:	No requirement.
-Transracial placements:	Individual consideration.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Available.

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THE BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY OF OREGON
2301 N.W. Glisan
Portland, OR 97210
(503)222-9661

Contact Person:
Alice Meyer, Director of Children's Services for Adoption
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Primarily Oregon.

HISTORY: Founded in 1885 to provide care for children orphaned by early settlers. Since that time the Society has become one of the most active private child welfare agencies in the country. Funded through contributions, contract with the State of Oregon, Oregon United Way, foundations, and trusts.

PURPOSE: To provide comprehensive service to homeless, dependent, and abused children through adoption, foster care, group homes for adolescents, residential treatment, maternity counseling, family counseling, and preventive programs.

ELIGIBILITY: Consider each situation individually.

FEE SCHEDULE: $25.00 non-refundable registration fee. Society looks for minimum $2000 contribution from families at the time of placement of a child. (The Society's costs for the adoption study and care to the unwed mother average over $4500 per child placed, and adoptive parents, whenever possible, are encouraged to make a contribution based on the costs of the service.) However, all decisions regarding adoptive placements are based on the needs of the child, and contributions may be reduced or waived whenever this is in the child's best interest.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Emphasis is placed on locating homes for children with special needs. This includes, but is not limited to newborn infants with significant medical problems at birth or in their backgrounds.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Member of Oregon Council on Families for Children.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

Approximate waiting time before study: Unable to provide homestudy and post placement service for out-of-state children.

Fee exceptions: Consider each situation individually. Whenever in the child's best interest.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION
198 Commercial Street, S.E.
Salem, OR 97310
(503)378-4452

Contact Person:
Manager or Adoption Services
(Position Currently Vacant)
Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State-wide.
PURPOSE:	Multi-purpose public child welfare agency - adoption service is one of many services to children and families.
ELIGIBILITY:	Eligibility requirements for adoption are liberal.
FEE SCHEDULE:	No fees are charged.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Full range of adoption services, recruitment, home study, placement, supervision, and post-adoptive service. Including independent adoption service and service upon request to other states in adoption matters.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	Depends upon staff time available.
-Fee exceptions:	No fees charged.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Age requirement is flexible and depends upon age child requested. Generally, adoptive applicants should be of an age that they will be no older than 60 when the child placed reaches age 21.
-Single parents:	Accepted.
-Large families:	Accepted.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Individually assessed.
-Length of marriage:	Two years.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Depends upon the time available to an individual worker.

HOLT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES
P.O. Box 2880
Eugene, OR 97420
(503)687-2202

Contact Person:
David Kim, Director
Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Oregon, Iowa, New Jersey, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, California (San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Diego areas only), Nebraska for direct services. Nationwide placement through other licenses agencies.
HISTORY	Parent initiated agency founded by Harry Holt 26 years ago.
PURPOSE:	Adoptive home finding and child placement.
ELIGIBILITY:	Minimum age 21, 2 years of marriage, reasonable child care plans.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Set fee.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Adoption; pregnancy counseling; promotion of international child welfare through affiliate agencies abroad.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Affiliated with NACAC and Joint Council ICS.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	0 - 2 months.
-Fee exception	Based upon child/family need.
-Age range of parents accepted:	45 or flexible for special needs.
-Single parents	Not usually due to overseas restrictions.
-Large families	Yes
-Religious/Financial Requirements	None
-Length of marriage	Two years
-Transracial placements	Yes
-Evening/weekend appointments	Occasionally.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM, CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380
(503)444-2514

Contact Person:
Doni White, Family Advocate
Hours: 8:00-5:00, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Linn, Lane, Lincoln, Benton, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, and Tillamook counties in Oregon.

HISTORY: A federally recognized Indian tribe with tribal headquarters in Siletz, Oregon. The Siletz Tribe has provided child welfare services to tribal families since 1981 through its Indian Child Welfare Program.

PURPOSE: The ICW Program, under the direction of the Tribal Council, protects the interest of the Tribe and tribal children by intervening in custody matters involving tribal children. The Tribe expects to be involved in all adoptions of tribal children in order to ascertain that the placement preferences of the Indian Child Welfare Act are followed.

ELIGIBILITY: Direct services for Siletz Tribal members; informational and referral services for other Indian people and other agencies.

FEE SCHEDULE: No fees.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Family/Child counseling, advocacy services in child welfare cases, foster home certification assistance, informational and referral services for tribal families seeking to adopt.

LDS SOCIAL SERVICES
3000 Market Street, Suite 268
Salem, OR 97301
(503)581-7483

Contact Person:
Alvin W. Morgan, Jr.
Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Longview, WA to the North, to Klamath Fall, OR, on the South, and Bend, OR and John Day to the East, with all the coastal towns from border to border being served.

HISTORY: The LDS Social Services in Oregon is one of a network of agencies throughout the world designed to offer services predominantly to members of the LDS Church. The Commissioners of LDS Social Services have their office in Salt Lake City, Utah.

PURPOSE: The agency's predominate service is for members of the LDS Church inasmuch as it is a private organization.

ELIGIBILITY: Members of the LDS Church who are recommended by their LDS Bishop are eligible for adoption.

FEE SCHEDULE: The adoption fee charged for infants is $2,500.00 with 10% of that being the application fee which is deducted upon placement. Older adoptions, $25.00 per clinical hour plus application fee.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Screening, instructing, counseling and supervisory services are available to all adoptive applicants as well as in depth clinical counseling.

COMMITTESS RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Council on Families - Oregon.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study: 1 year for infants. No waiting time for older child adoptions after application is approved.

-Fee exceptions: None.

-Age range of parents accepted: From marriage thru age 40 for infants; older child, generally not more than 40 years older than the child.

-Single parents: Do not place with single parents.

-Large families: Children are placed in homes as determined by the Adoption Committee. Large families are not excluded.

-Religious/financial requirement: Must be LDS and financially stable.

-Length of marriage: Adoptive applicants must be married two or three years depending on infertility.

-Transracial placements: Seek to place children with parents of their own race if at all possible.

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PLAN LOVING ADOPTIONS NOW, INC. (P.L.A.N.)
P.O. Box 667
McMinnville, OR 97128
(503)472-8452

Contact Person:
Ann Scott, Director
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Oregon.

HISTORY: PLAN has been operating since 1975 and grew out of an effort to save war orphans from Viet Nam. A group of parents initially had the vision of PLAN and even though the agency has grown from its small beginnings we are still a "parent" agency.

PURPOSE: Our purpose is to work together in reaching out to child in need of homes and care, in the belief that each child is a unique individual and a valuable person, and has the right to loving care.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Our only requirements are that people be 21+ and if a couple that they be married for a year before applying.

FEE SCHEDULE: $50.00 - pre-adopt classes, $50.00 - application fee, $850.00 - home study, coordination and post-placement services. There may be additional costs for travel and there are other costs for overseas adoptions.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Homestudy, coordination of U.S. and foreign adoptions, post-placement services.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	2 - 3 weeks after completion of pre-adopt classes.
-Fee exceptions:	For an identified "special needs" child the entire fee may be waived.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Over 21.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	None.
-Length of marriage:	At least a year.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	If necessary.
-Comments or other information:	Service with a smile! Most people love us!

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OREGON PARENT GROUPS

FAMILIES ADOPTING CHILDREN TOGETHER (FACT)

Route 1, Box 41
Summerville, OR 97876
(503)534-6433

Contact Person:
Kaye Roper

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Five eastern Oregon counties: Union, Umitilla, Baker, Wallowa, and Malheur.
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1976
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of every month, a meeting is held at Skippers or Riverside Park - weather determining, every other month a potluck is held.
NEWSLETTERS:	Six times yearly.
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Our primary purpose is for the encouragement and support of adopting, particularly special needs children, minority, handicapped, and older children. Membership in FACT is open to all interested persons. Our main interest is helping unite waiting children with waiting parents and offering total support.

LANE COUNTY OPEN DOOR FOR ADOPTABLE CHILDREN

4801 Donald
Eugene, OR 97405
(503)344-8484

Contact Person:
Roz Slovic

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Lane County
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1970
NEWSLETTERS:	Occasionally - when interest and peoplepower are available.
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Adoption information and referral - recruitment support for adoptive families - conference planning and information. Currently interested in a "support group" for youth 12-16 who are adopted.

LANE COUNTY PARENT GROUP
2231 Monterey Lane
Eugene, OR 97401
(503)342-6739

Contact Person:
Wannell Ware

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Lane County, Oregon
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Holt Children's Services
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1974
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Support group for the total adoption process - information gatheren' center such as: children available - where? how? expense?

OURS, OREGON CHAPTER
18051 S.E. Langensand
Sandy, OR 97055
(503)668-4933

Contact Person:
Bonnie Baird, President

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Greater Metropolitan Area (Portland)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1979
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly
NEWSLETTERS:	Bi-monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Adoption advocates, support group

WASHINGTON

ADOPTION SERVICES OF WACAP
P.O. Box 2009
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(206)452-2308

Contact Person:
Merrily Ripley, Director
Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Washington, Idaho, Alaska

HISTORY: Adoption Services of WACAP, licensed in June of 1976, began with an office staff of two, six Adoption Counselors working through Washington State and six Adoptive Parent Support Groups. Today, the office is staffed by 22. Over fifty Adoption Counselors serve families in Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and Utah. Forty Adoptive Parent Support Groups have been formed. In 1976 Adoption Services placed 10 children; in 1982, 480 children were placed; placements to date equal 1,700 children.

PURPOSE: To provide quality service in uniting waiting families and waiting children at a low cost and within a reasonable length of time.

ELIGIBILITY: Flexible.

FEE SCHEDULE: Application: $25, Homestudy and Post-placement services: $550 more in Alaska and Utah; Infant through OPT: $3,800; Incountry Special Needs child: $200, International from India, Korea, Colombia: $1,550 -$3,050 plus transportation.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Adoption and maternity services, post-adoption counseling, relinquishment counseling.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Those organized through Adoptive Parent Support Group.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	None except requests for Caucasian infant through maternity services program.
-Fee exceptions:	None. Special Needs Fund available for unusual circumstances.
-Age range of parents accepted:	20 years +.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	None.
-Length of marriage:	No specific requirement.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes.
Comments or other Information:	WACAP also collects supplies and directs them to orphanages overseas.

ADVENTIST ADOPTION & FAMILY SERVICES
P.O. Box 2842
Pasco, WA 99302
(509)547-1102

Contact Person:
Glen Conner, MSW
Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-12:00pm, Friday

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State of Washington.
ELIGIBILITY:	Any children referred. Adoptive applicants for infants mostly Adventist. Any denomination for special needs children.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Fee for infants. Flexible for other children.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Pregnancy counseling for expectant mothers. Foster care for children. Home studies, post-placement services and Next Friend reports for families.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	Can be started immediately.
-Fee exceptions:	In appropriate situations.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Each family considered individually.
-Single parents:	Acceptable for some children.
-Large families:	Appropriate for many children.
-Religious/financial requirement:	None.
-Length of marriage:	Minimum of three years.
-Transracial placements:	Will generally consider them.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Possible.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
P.O. Box 22608
Seattle, WA 98122
(206)323-6336

Contact Person:
Mrs. Mildred Wright, Supervisor Adoption and Maternity Unit
Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	King County.
HISTORY:	Adoption, Pregnancy Counseling since 1920.
PURPOSE:	Full service Catholic agency - family counseling, foster care, adoptions, services to single parents, chore services to elderly, et al.
ELIGIBILITY:	Open.
FEE SCHEDULE:	U.S. Infants $3,800. Korean adoptions $3,600. Special Needs $800.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Home study, placement and post placement services pregnant girls and women; adoption services for those who choose this plan.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	Immediate
-Fee exceptions:	Yes - very flexible
-Age range of parents accepted:	Open.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Open.
-Length of marriage:	2 years.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	If necessary.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
5410 N. 44th Street
Tacoma, WA 98407
(206) 752-2455

Contact Person:
Eugene Matsusaka, Director; Peter Valuckas, Adoption Worker
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Greater Pierce County; Adoption Services - Pierce, and Kitsap Counties.
HISTORY:	Catholic Community Services has provided a wide range of community programs since 1923 and continues to offer its services to everyone regardless of religion, age, or race. It is operated by a professional staff under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Policy direction comes from an elected Board of Directors, made up of representative civic and business leaders.
PURPOSE:	To meet some of the social service needs of individuals and families in the greater Pierce County area.
ELIGIBILITY:	Anyone - regardless of religion, age or race.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Counseling - sliding fee; services to unmarried mothers - free; adoption services - $2,500 (flexible).
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Foster family care; single parent services; adoption services; counseling; homebuilders (crisis intervention); senior citizens' program; respite care for disabled children.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	1 month or less.
-Fee exceptions:	Decided on an individual basis.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Minimum - 23 years.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Flexible.
-Length of marriage:	2 years.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST
2806 Douglas Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
(206) 733-5800

Contact Person:
Audrey Jaffe or Robert DeVries
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties.
HISTORY:	Have provided full range of adoptive services in the four Northwest counties since 1938.
PURPOSE:	Promote the healthy growth of individual people throughout life - help family members build satisfying relationships - strengthen our community by enhancing its members' spiritual, mental and physical well-being. Primary focus in the adoption program is developing services to children with special needs, as well as placement of healthy, normal babies.
ELIGIBILITY:	Serves people of all ages, races and religious heritages.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Flexible.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Counseling to unwed parents, expectant parents, adults considering adoption and adults that have already adopted. Also conduct homestudies for pre-placement reports, provide post-placement supervision, Next Friend reports, and custody reports.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	Two-four weeks.
-Fee exceptions:	Considered on a case-by-case basis.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Prefer parents to be 65 or younger by the time the child is 18.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Religious: Serious consideration given to desires of natural parents and/or child. Financial: Stability is more important than amount.
-Length of marriage:	Prefer 2 years as minimum.
-Transracial placements:	Acceptable under special circumstances.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes - when pre-arranged.

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CATHOLIC FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE
1329 George Washington Way
Kennewick, WA 98336
(509)946-4645

Contact Person:
Harriet Davis
Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Benton and Franklin Counties.
PURPOSE:	To offer a wide range of social services to the Tri-cities community.
ELIGIBILITY:	For infants: Catholic and Protestant, under 35 years, married 3 years, able to get reference from priest or paster, not more than 1 child presently. For "hard-to-place": Individual screening done according to capability.
FEE SCHEDULE:	$1200 - may be negotiated or waived if necessary to serve the needs of the child.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Adoptions and step-parent adoptions, foster care, maternity care and counseling, individual and family counseling, art and play therapy for disturbed children.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Fee exceptions:	Fee may be waived to fill needs of a child. Homestudies only at $400.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Under 35 for infants.
-Single parents:	Accepted.
-Large families:	If requesting special needs child.
-Religious/financial requirement:	Must have reference from priest or pastor; must show history of job reliability.
-Length of marriage:	3 years.
-Transracial placements:	Dependent on homestudy findings.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	When necessary.

CATHOLIC FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE
805 Williams, #109
Richland, WA 99352
(509)946-4645

Contact Person:
Jo Carlson
Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Benton County, Washington
HISTORY:	This agency was established primarily to facilitate families desiring adoptions - and working with the unwed client.
PURPOSE:	The agency at this point is a complete family service agency doing adoption work as well as family, individual, child therapy, and foster care.
ELIGIBILITY:	For infants, Catholic and Protestant, married at least three years, recommendation from a priest or pastor.
FEE SCHEDULE:	$3,500 flat fee - negotiable fee for older child adoption.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Step parent adoptions, foster care, maternity care and counseling, art and play therapy for disturbed children.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION

-Fee exception:	Individually reviewed - the needs of the child are the prime consideration.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Flexible.
-Single parents:	Accepted.
-Large families:	If requesting special needs child.
-Religious/financial requirements:	Must have references from priest or pastor; must have history of job reliability.
-Length of marriage:	Three years.
-Transracial placement:	Depedent upon home study findings.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	When necessary.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE
611 W. Columbia #3
Pasco, WA 99301
(509)547-0521

Contact Person:
Keri Ann Moe
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Benton-Franklin County (Tri-city area) and Grant County.
HISTORY:	Began 1957, now provides wide range of social services with emphasis on child abuse prevention programming.
PURPOSE:	Enhance dignity and worth of individual.
ELIGIBILITY:	Serve all without regard to race, religion, creed, etc. For adoption: single/married at least three years, one applicant practicing faith; county resident.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Currently $2,000 plus medical, but expect change - call for current fees
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Pre-placement counseling, home study, placement and post-placement supervision, Next Friend, advocacy and search assistance.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

-Approximate waiting time before study:	1-2 months.
-Fee exceptions:	Negotiable.
-Age range of parents accepted:	Flexible.
-Single parents:	Yes.
-Large families:	Yes.
-Religious/financial requirement:	One parent practicing faith/$1,500-$2,000 fee.
Length of marriage:	3 years.
-Transracial placements:	Yes.
-Evening/weekend appointments:	When necessary.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICE
418 Drumheller Building
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Contact Person:
Richard A. Garcia
Hours: 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Walla Walla and Columbia Counties in Washington State.

HISTORY: An extension of Catholic Charities, Inc., based in Spokane, WA. Catholic Charities is the social service extension of the Catholic Church with services available to all nationalities and creeds. The source of funding is The United Way, yearly donations from Catholic parishioners, and some federal funds for special programs. Locally have not been involved in adoptions of "hard to place" youngsters. Any children placed by this agency have been placed through Catholic Family Service in Spokane and have come through St. Anne's Infant Home.

PURPOSE: Total spectrum of social services.

ELIGIBILITY: For adoption, anyone within the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, WA. Married at least 2 years, less than 2 children and a practicing member of an accepted religion.

FEE SCHEDULE: Sliding scale beginning with $1,050 for annual income under $10,000 to $1,650 for over $15,000. Application fee of $150 with $250 due on completion of study and the balance due during the six months probationary period after the placement of a child.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Preparation of home study and submission to Diocesan office for evaluation and placement of child. Counseling, if desired, during first six months and preparation and submission of pre-placement report. Preparation and function as Next Friend and submission to the court for finalization of adoption.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Board of Directors approval of adoption placing agencies.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

Each area would have to be dealt with on an individual basis with numerous variables affecting each consideration. The agency has not been involved with working with "hard to place" children but would be willing to do so if the situation presented itself.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN
30012 South Military Road
Federal Way, WA 98003
(206)839-2755

Contact Person:
Barbara Grimm, Caseworker
Hours: 8:30am-3:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State of Washington.
HISTORY:	Agency established in 1971 to meet the needs of children
PURPOSE:	To provide temporary foster care until a child can be returned to his home or becomes available for adoption. Full adoption services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Will accept any child that is referred. Adoptive applicants must be members of the Church of Christ.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Voluntary contributions to cover child's expenses.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Maternity care and counseling, foster care, adoptions. Counseling to unwed mothers, including transportation. Conducts home studies, places children, provides post-placement supervision.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:	Not able to care for children with special needs, except on very limited short-term basis. Approximate waiting time before study:Can be done immediately.
Fee exception:	Considered on case by case basis.
Age range of parents accepted:	Under 40 years of age.
Single parents:	No
Large families:	Where appropriate.
Religious/financial requirement:	Member of Church of Christ. Must show history of job stability.
Length of marriage:	Over two years.
Transracial placement:	Where appropriate.
Evening/weekend appointments:	By appointment.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON
(Northwest Branch)
P.O. Box 15190
Seattle, WA 98115
(206)524-6020

Contact Person:
Norma Mattern
Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm (others by appointment)

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	King and South Snohomish Counties (other CHSW branch offices located at Yakima, Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Vancouver, Spokane, Auburn, Chehalis).
HISTORY:	Incorporated in 1896 as a multi-service child welfare agency. Nonsectarian, voluntary service. Staff 105+. State Board of Trustees and local branch advisory boards. Publishes "Homefinder" about Children's Home Society of Washington quarterly.
PURPOSE:	"... The Society's mission is to strengthen family life, substitute for the child's family when necessary, and treat troubled children and their families... The Society's activities differ from community to community according to local service funding resources, (and) the activities of other agencies... The Society, in carrying out its mission, promotes needed improvements in policies, procedures and funding for child welfare programs under both private and public office."
ELIGIBILITY:	Depends on service program.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Sliding fee scale for counseling services; $1000 for adoption study; foster care and residential treatment at public agency rate who negotiate with parents about financial participation.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Outpatient counseling; foster care (regular and specialized treatment); residential treatment; adoption.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Adoption Resource Center; Bureau of Children's Services Advisory Committee; Foster Care Resource Center; Board and Staff Committees.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	Varies.
- Fee exceptions:	Yes.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Open - depending on child's needs.
- Single parents:	Yes - depending on child's needs.
- Large families:	Yes - depending on child's needs.
- Religious/financial requirement:	No religious requirement - fair financial arrangement.
- Length of marriage:	1-2 years.
- Transracial placements:	Since 1896.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	By arrangement.
- Comments or other information:	Very few adoptive placements made. Some foster home conversions made for emotionally disturbed boys leaving residential treatment centers.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
STATE OF WASHINGTON
Consult (206) 721-4105 for local DSHS Community Services office

Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State of Washington.
PURPOSE:	To develop and facilitate permanent adoptive placements for those children in foster care in need of such services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Any child in need of service is eligible. Families are considered as adoptive resources and not subject to eligibility requirements. Families must want to adopt a special needs child.
FEE SCHEDULE:	No fee for service.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Regarding adoption for children: Full range of child welfare services including adoption placement and adoption support. For families: Approval as adoptive parents; registration on exchanges; placement and post placement services; adoption support.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Children's Services Advisory Committee; Adoption Task Force of that community.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Age range of parents accepted:	No specific requirements regarding age.
- Single parents:	No specific requirements regarding marital status - many single parent placements made.
- Large families:	No specific requirements regarding family size. Large families encouraged for placement of some children, discouraged for placement of others.
- Religious/financial requirements:	None.
- Length of marriage:	No specific requirements. Must be indication of stability in the marriage.
- Transracial placements:	In-race placement is given high priority. Transracial placement is preferred to no placement.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	At discretion of individual Community Services Office.
-Comments or other information:	Program places primary emphasis on adoptive placement of special needs childrens.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE
1214 Boylston Ave.
Seattle, WA 98101
(206)447-3240

Contact Person:
Cynthia Himmelfarb
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Seattle, King County, and environs.
HISTORY:	J.F.S. has an 84 year history, beginning as an organization to help resettle Jewish immigrants from the Mediterranean area. Through the years, the agency's services have been responsive to changing needs in the Jewish community, resulting in the multi-function agency of today.
PURPOSE:	To provide a variety of services (counseling, single parents, family life education, elderly, adoption, foster care, resettlement) to the target population - Jewish community of Seattle, King County and environs.
ELIGIBILITY:	Jewish couples, singles, families.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Based on ability to pay - full fee for service is $35 per hour.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	As above.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Planning Committee of J.F.S. Board of Directors.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	One month.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Variable.
- Single parents:	Yes.
- Large families:	Yes.
- Religious/financial requirement:	Jewish.
- Length of marriage:	2 years.
- Transracial placements:	Yes.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Evening limited; weekend - no.
- Comments or other information:	Home study, placement and post placement fees generally run $600 $1,000.

KING COUNTY ADOPTION SERVICE
W364 King County Courthouse
Seattle, WA 98104
(206)583-4677 & 79

Contact Person:
Alice Y. Thomas; Bernetta Jones; Nancy Williams
Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	All of King County.
PURPOSE:	Part of King County Superior Court.
ELIGIBILITY:	Anyone in King County on written request.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Pre-placement study with no child identified $150. All others, no charge.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Home studies but very little follow up supervision.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Judges Committee.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

(Get few special needs requests from prospective adoptive parents)

- Fee exceptions:	No fees.
- Single parents:	Yes, but not usual.
- Transracial placements:	OK.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	No.

LDS SOCIAL SERVICES
220 South Third Place
Renton, WA 98055
(206)624-3393

Contact Person:
David S. Isom
Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Western Washington and Alaska.
HISTORY:	Established 1967.
PURPOSE:	Provide adoptive, unwed parent, foster care and clincal service to the Latter-Day Saint community. Primary referral source is from ecclesiastical leaders.
ELIGIBILITY:	Practicing members of the LDS Church (Mormon). Unwed parents seeking LDS adoptive resources.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Adoption - $2,500. Varies for special needs/older children. Foster care and clinical care to be determined by client and ecclesiastical leader.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Adoption, unwed parent, foster care and clinical services -primarily consultation, evaluation and some short-term therapy.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Placement.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	Two weeks.
- Fee exceptions:	Based on actual staff time at $25/hour.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Maximum of 40 years older than adopted child.
- Single parents:	No.
- Large families:	For special needs/older children.
- Religious/financial requirement:	Practicing LDS/financially capable to care for added child.
- Length of marriage:	Minimum of two years.
- Transracial placements:	Yes.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	By special appointment.

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASHINGTON
320 N. Johnson, Plaza I, Suite 700
(509)735-6446

Contact Person:
Sally H. Anderson, Family Services Coordinator
HOURS: 8:30am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Southeast Washington; Northeast Oregon.
PURPOSE:	Family, individual, marital, group conseling. Adoptions of infants and special needs. Free, confidential pregnancy counseling, custody studies.
ELIGIBILITY:	For counseling services, everyone is eligible. Fee according to sliding fee scale. For adoption, there are age, infertility, and marriage requirements in effect for placements of children ages 0-5 without handicaps or special needs. Persons wishing to adopt older children or children with special needs are considered on an individual basis.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Sliding fee scale, according to family income. Families are asked to pay medical bills and legal fees for infant placement when necessary in the case of an adoption.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	No fee pregnancy counseling, some transportation to appointments and help with school arrangements, medical assistance applications, etc. Maternity and infant foster homes, licensed and funded through state. Post-adoption services.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	Brief - weeks.
- Fee exceptions:	Considered on individual basis for special needs adoptions.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Considered on individual basis.
- Single parents:	Acceptable.
- Large families:	Acceptable.
- Religious/financial requirement:	None/financially stable.
- Length of marriage:	Preferably married for 3 years.
- Transracial placements:	Yes - considered on individual basis.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Possible on an individual basis
-Comments or other information:	Families wishing to adopt children with special needs are encouraged to contact the agency for more information.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASHINGTON
19230 Forest Park Dr. N.E.
Seattle, WA 98155
(206)365-2700

Contact Person:
Linda Katz, Supervisor, Children's Services
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, variable

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: King and Snohomish Counties.

HISTORY: Forty years of child welfare and family counseling services.

PURPOSE: Counseling, residential treatment for teenagers, pregnancy counseling, adoption, foster care, and post-adoption counseling.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all.

FEE SCHEDULE: Infant adoption sliding scale $2,800 - $4,500. Special needs adoption - 3% of gross income. (Negotiable).

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Adoption for children with disabilities, those who are older, abused and disturbed, and permanency planning for children not yet legally free.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study: Brief - weeks.
- Fee exceptions: Yes, for special needs.
- Age range of parents accepted: Flexible.
- Single parents: Yes.
- Large families: Yes.
- Religious/financial requirement: None.
- Length of marriage: Flexible.
- Transracial placements: Yes.
- Evening/weekend appointments: Yes.
- Comments or other information: Preparation for families interested in adopting special needs children and those not legally free is done in an educational group process. Families are asked to involve themselves in learning about the issues and exploring all facets of special needs.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF WASHINGTON
North 1226 Howard
Spokane, WA 99201
509-327-7761

Contact Person:
Dorothy Jones or Diana Valdez, Child Welfare Coordinators
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm(variable)

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Northeast Washington, North Idaho (Families located over an 100 mile radius from Spokane pay mileage and work time.)
PURPOSE:	Family counseling, foster care, pregnancy counseling, infant and special needs adoption, post adoption counseling, rape crisis network, cooperative home sharing.
ELIGIBILITY:	Infant adoption - married, need to have a documented medical infertility problem.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Infant Adoption - $5,000 (Includes medical coverage for birthmother). Special Needs Adoption - Sliding scale, $2,250-$3,500 (Negotiable).
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Infant placement, 2 year waiting list; long term follow-up as needed for biological and adoptive families; special focus on minority recruitment.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Child Welfare Advisory Committee

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	None
- Fee exceptions:	Yes, for special needs adoption
- Age range of parents accepted:	Flexible.
- Single parents:	Yes.
- Large families:	Yes.
- Religious/financial requirement:	None.
- Length of marriage:	Flexible, prefer 2-3 years
- Transracial placements:	Yes.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Possible.
- Other information:	Agency sponsors an adoptive parent support group. Post-adoption counseling is provided to adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S SERVICE
123 - 16th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122
(206)324-9470

Contact Person:
Betty Higley, Director; Amy Hara, Contact Person
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Primarily in King County and areas adjacent to King County.
HISTORY:	Established in 1921. Has a history of being responsive to the needs of children for permanence and having the flexibility of responding to and seeking families according to the needs of the children. Small agency, but tries to respond as quickly as possible to requests and sets time limits.
PURPOSE:	To provide permanent planning for children in their own home or through adoption.
ELIGIBILITY:	Residents of King County and areas adjacent to King County.
FEE SCHEDULE:	None for biological parents. None for families that adopt a child with very special needs. For Black families, limited fees - negotiable. For regular adoption, set fee schedule with limited flexibility. Discuss with agency worker.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Counseling to women with unplanned pregnancy and parents of children who are no longer able to continue parenthood or are ambivalent concerning decision. Adoption services when this is the choice. Special emphasis on the child and/or children with special needs and Black child. Limited foster care services to support adoption program.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Adoption of Black Children; Sunday's Child Committee; Region X Advisory Committee; Northwest Adoption Exchange; National Advisory Panel; Adoption Curriculum Project - U. of Georgia;

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	1 month.
- Fee exceptions:	No fees for families adopting a child with special needs.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Varies with age of child. Examined carefully when there is 40 year difference between parent and child.
-Single parents:	Considered for children over 8 years.- --Large families. Dependent on parents' capacity.
- Religious/financial requirements:	None.
- Length of marriage:	1 year.
- Transracial placements:	Preference for in-race placement. Will consider transracial placements if this is not possible.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	By special arrangements once application is filed.
- Comments or other information:	Available to answer some questions over phone. Pre-application interviews can be individual or in group.

PUYALLUP NATION CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY
2209 East 32nd
Tacoma, WA 98404
(206)597-6265

Contact Person: Ruth Skalbania
Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Primarily Pierce County but will do relative adoption, special needs adoption throughout the state.
HISTORY:	P.N.C.P.A. has been in existence for about 5 years. It is primarily concerned with maintaining the cultural and ethnic heritage of Native American children whose natural families are unable to provide for them.
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION:	Our purpose is to place Native American children in a family which is a good adoptive resource and also matches their tribal heritage.
ELIGILITY REQUIREMENTS:	At least one parent must have a documentable degree of Indian blood and both parents must be involved in and sensitive to Indian cultural issues.
FEE SCHEDULE:	No set fee but needs to pay their own legal fees, medical fees, etc.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Adoptive home studies, adoptive placements and subsidized adoptions.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Region 5 Indian Child Welfare Committee of the Department of Social and Health Services.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	4 weeks.
- Fee exceptions:	No fee.
- Age range of parents:	Any age, so long as health is acceptable.
- Single parents:	Yes.
- Large families:	Yes.
- Religious/Financial requirements:	Financial stability. No religious requirements.
- Length of marriage	One year - under some circumstances can be common law or Indian custom marriages.
- Transracial placements:	No.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes, upon request.

REGULAR BAPTIST CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY
P.O. Box 16353
Seattle, WA 98116
(206)938-1487

Contact Person:
Neal E. Gardenhire, Placement Supervisor; Robert Van Alstine, Director
Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Western Washington with regard to foster care and family counseling; national constituency through Inter-state Compact regarding adoption.
PURPOSE:	To meet the needs of children and families through family counseling, foster care, and adoption, these families being mainly from the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches constituency, and yet as an agency, serving children from any creed or race
ELIGIBILITY:	Servicing any and all children as placement space is available with children knowing that they would be educated in the Baptist faith.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Sliding scale from $1,250 - $2,000 plus incidental travel expenses.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	The placement of children into licensed Regular Baptist foster homes for short term and long term foster care, and the placement of adoptive children into the homes of Regular Baptist families with referrals taken from Northwest Adoption Exchange, state and local probation departments, the Department of Social and Health Services, as well as private referrals.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	18 months - 3 years.
- Fee exceptions:	Negotiable for special needs children.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Open.
- Single parents:	Only under extenuating circumstances.
- Large families:	Numerous placements have been accomplished.
- Religious/financial requirement:	Applicants must be members in good standing of a GARBC chruch.
-Length of marriage:	If divorced, remarriage lasting minimum of five years.
- Transracial placements:	Have been accomplished upon request.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	By prior arrangement.

SEATTLE INDIAN CENTER
121 Stewart Street
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 624-8700, Ext. 31

Contact Person:
Ramona Bennett, Family Services Director
Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Washington State primarily, but children have been placed nationwide.
PURPOSE:	Recruit and license homes for receiving care, foster care and adoption, that are appropriate Indian children.
ELIGIBILITY:	Indian preference for foster or receiving care; per Indian Child Welfare Act, must be Indian for adoption.
FEE SCHEDULE:	No charge, currently for Western Washington families, changes in funding will result in sliding fee scale, families out of the area may have to pay local agencies for home studies.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Counseling, home finder, referral.
COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES:	Indian Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

No criteria; flexible.

ST. ANN'S HOME
6602 South Alaska
Tacoma, WA 98408
(206)472-7211

Contact Person:
Sister M. Norine Graves
Hours: 24 hours/day

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	State of Washington with emphasis on the Puget Sound area.
PURPOSE:	Care and treatment of emotionally disturbed, abused, neglected and dependent children to be returned to own homes or foster or adoptive homes as soon as possible.
ELIGIBILITY:	Ages 6-18 years of age. Should be able to attend some kind of educational facility.
FEE SCHEDULE:	Sliding scale settled by the DSHS in reference to family income.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Individual, group and family counseling, parent training and counseling. Bonding techniques. Long term follow-up and counseling.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	6 months.
- Fee exceptions:	Subsidies from DSHS where needed.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Suited to child's needs.
- Single parents:	Where best interest of child is served.
- Large families:	Where best interest of child is served.
- Religious/financial requirement:	Try to match/must be able to support.
- Length of marriage:	Must be stable (no set period).
- Transracial placements:	Used often in biracial marriages.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Used very frequently.
- Comments or other information:	Only place children who have been in treatment at St. Ann's.

TRAVELERS' AID SOCIETY OF SEATTLE
909 Fourth Avenue, Room 630
Seattle, WA 98104
(206)447-3888

Contact Person:
Mary C. Curtis, ACSW, Coordinator, Intercountry Adoption Service
Hours: 8:30am-9:00pm, M-F; 2:00pm-6:00pm, Sat., Sun., & Holidays

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED:	Washington State.
HISTORY:	Has had Korean Adoption Program since 1974.
PURPOSE:	Adoption program: to provide intercountry adoption services. Most children come from Korea.
ELIGIBILITY:	Must be Washington State resident. Korean agency requires that parents be between 25 and 55 years of age, that at least one parent be no more than 40 years older than the child and that parents be married at least three years.
FEE SCHEDULE:	TAS fee $2,145 (includes home study, placement, and post-placement services). Korea agency fee: $1,800. Escort/transportation fee $800 to $900.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Home study, placement, and post-placement services to adoptive families.

POLICIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION:

- Approximate waiting time before study:	None.
- Fee exceptions:	None.
- Age range of parents accepted:	Depends on policy of foreign agency.
- Single parents:	Depends on policy of foreign agency (not allowed in Korea).
- Large families:	No restrictions.
- Religious/financial requirement:	None.
- Length of marriage:	Depends on policy of foreign agency.
- Transracial placements:	Yes.
- Evening/weekend appointments:	Yes.

WASHINGTON PARENT GROUPS

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP
202 E. 8th
Aberdeen, WA 98520
(206)532-7004

Contact Person:
Laurie Kolb

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1981
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Third Friday, every other month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Give adoption information. Provide support for families waiting to adopt. Provide opportunities for our children to know other children who have been adopted.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP OF KITSAP COUNTY
948 Colchester Drive East
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(206)871-3055

Contact Person:
Vicki Butterfield, President

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Kitsap County/North Mason and outlying areas (Washington)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	September, 1980
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly - First Tuesday evening or by prior arrangement
NEWSLETTERS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To offer support and socialization to families before, during, and after the adoption process. Aid projects for overseas children. Community awareness for all children, everywhere.

CLE ELUM WACAP SUPPORT GROUP
113 W. 4th
Cle Elum, WA 98922
(509)674-5601

Contact Person:
Cindy Reynolds

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Central Washington
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1980
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To conduct pre-adopt meetings for WACAP, and to lend support where needed to adopting families.

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COLVILLE VALLEY ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP

Route 1, Box 489
Colville, WA 99114
(509)684-2817
or
Box 65-B
Valley, WA 99181

Contact Persons:
Barbara Wilson or Laurie Larkin

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Colville, Chewelah, Valley, and surrounding areas north; also, Republic, Northport, and Inchellium, Washington
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Second Saturday of each month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Support families through adoption process and after, inform community, pre-adopt meetings, connect families with agencies.

CONCERNED ADOPTIVE PARENTS OF LEWIS COUNTY (CAP)
3420 Huly, 508
Onalaska, WA 98570
(206)978-4727

Contact Person:
Jana Tritto

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Lewis County (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Mostly WACAP, but any parents welcome
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month
NEWSLETTERS:	CAP newsletter - published monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Adoption information, mutual support, community awareness
COMMENTS:	There are monthly programs focusing on different aspects of adoption, ie, Korean, older child, disabled child, disruptions, etc. There are also frequent potlucks, picnics, and social/recreational events for family participation.

GOLDENDALE ADOPTIVE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (GAPA)
Route 1, Box 200-A
Goldendale, WA 98620
(509)773-5737

Contact Person:
Alice DeHart

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Eastern Washington, Klickitat County
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoptive Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1979
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly
NEWSLETTERS:	Bi-monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Parent education and support (pre- and post-adoption)
COMMENTS:	We give pre-adopts full of information on adoption to interested couples set up at their convenience. Our first goal is to educate couples on their choices regarding adoption, then to support their decision. We have lots of information and lots of love! We support couples throughout the adoption process and then we babysit the children after they come so parents can have time out, and we can share the joy of each new arrival.

INTERRACIAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION (IFA)
6925 56th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98118
(206)722-7862

Contact Person:
Pat Glass

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Greater Seattle area
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1968
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Monthly event - varied program
NEWSLETTERS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUPS:	- post-adoption support for adoptive families - pre-adopt information/referral/support - ethnic sensitivity enhancement - public awareness re: adoption and interracial families - advocacy for children in need of adoption services

KIN - KIDS IN NEED

Contact Persons: Co-Chairpersons

Barbara Knowles
22621 50th Avenue S.E.
Bothell, Washington 98011
(206)481-7310

and

Sue Eipert
7016 23rd Avenue N.E.
Seattle, WAshington 98115
(206)522-3174

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	North King County and Snohomish County (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	A parent support group of Adoption Services of WACAP; members are affiliated with a variety of agencies.
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1976
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Third Friday morning of each month
NEWSLETTERS:	Published every other month. For complimentary copy write: Linda Christianson, Editor 11713 60th Street N.E. Lake Stevens, Washington 98258
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	KIN is a support group for Snohomish and North King County adoptive parents and children, involved in a variety of support and child advocacy activities. The group provides information and encouragement throughout the adoption process, as well as facilitating frequent inter-cultural and educational events. Visitors are always welcome at any time!

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. (LPA) ADOPTION COMMITTEE
5302 East 138th Street
Tacoma, WA 98446
(206)531-2876

Contact Persons:
Peter and Frieda Valuckas

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: National

PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP: LPA Adoption Committee refers members to adoption agencies which have dwarf children available for adoption.

LOVING ADOPTIVE PARENTS (LAP)
South 314 Flora Road
Greenacres, WA 99016
(509)928-0293

Contact Persons:
Gregg and Wanda Tenner

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Spokane, Washington - Eastern Washington
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Lutheran Social Services of Washington
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	May, 1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	4 - 6 per year
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Support Group for Adoptive Families
COMMENTS:	Group consists of six core families with a peripheral following of about 30 other families. We try to have two major programs a year, i.e., an educational program and a social function. We have dues of $10 (optional) and depending on group growth, may start a newsletter in the Fall, 1983.

NORTHWEST ADOPTION SERVICES
2516 Henry Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
(206)733-1709

Contact Person:
Barbara McHugh

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Whatcom County (Washington)
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1974
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	At least once a month, but as need arises
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To coordinate and disseminate all information on adoption matters; to be a resource and support in the whole adoptive provess from pre-adoptive to post-adoptive; have free services of psychiatrist, have begun affiliate groups, ie, Toughlove, support group for infertile couples, Compassionate Friends (group supporting parents who have lost child through death).

OKANOGAN VALLEY ADOPTIVE PARENTS
Box 1065
Omak, WA 98841
(509)826-4409

Contact Person:
Janet Allen

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Okanogan County (North Central Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Quarterly
NEWSLETTERS:	Yes
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To encourge and support the adoption of children worldwide.

OLYMPIA AREA SUPPORT GROUP
401 West 17th Avenue
Olympia, WA 98501
(206)357-6144

Contact Person:
Martha Liska

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Thurston County, part of Pierce and Mason Counties (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1977
NEWSLETTERS:	Every other month (six times/year)
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To lend support to adoptive families and host "pre-adoption" meetings - the first step in WACAP's adoption process. Also to be informative to the general public about adoption and waiting children.

SAN JUAN ISLANDS ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP
Eastsound, WA 98245
(206)376-4064

Contact Person:
Karen Y. Ekberg

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	San Juan Islands (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoptive Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1982
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Quarterly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	To provide pre- and post-adoption support to all adoptive families and to provide informtion and assistance to all families interested in or involved in adoption.
COMMENTS:	Most members of this support group are in contact with each other multiple times weekly which precludes the necessity for more frequently scheduled meetings.

SPOKANE WACAP

Contact Persons:
Ruth Johnson
N. 3620 Belt
Spokane, WA 99205
(509)747-3181

or

Elaine W. Vaughn
N. 14915 Gleneden
Spokane, WA 99208
(509)466-5227

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Spokane and surrounding areas including N. Idaho
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	Agency, 1976, Support Group 15 years plus ago
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	Potluck on the first Saturday of the month September -May, and parent meeting first Friday after potluck
NEWSLETTERS:	Monthly
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Adoption and support of families through all phases of adoption. We have various mini-support groups for different types of adoption open to all. We also have the OPT Program-(Options for Pregnancy) through Adoption Services of WACAP.

TRI CITIES WACAP PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
3902 S. Dennis
Kennewick, WA 99336
(509)582-2901

Contact Person:
Bart and Jaki Sievers

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Southeast Washington
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1977
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Thursday of Month
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Helping families adopt and providing support during and after the adoption process.

VALLEY ADOPTIVE SERVICES
1625 Mt. View Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(206)422-6711

Contact Person:
Madlyn Yarcho

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Skagit and Island Counties (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1977
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Schedule pre-adopt meetings for all families; provide pre-placement, post-placement support to adoptive families; get out to the public information on children available and service available. We also have social occasions for families such as camp-outs, picnics, and potlucks.

WENATCHEE SUPPORT GROUP
Route 1, Box 113A
Cashmere, WA 98815
(509)782-1324

Contact Person:
Barbara Wick

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Leavenworth, Cashmere, Wenatchee, Quincy, Ephrata, Moses Lake (Washington)
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1978
NEWSLETTERS:	Sometimes
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	We do pre-adopt meetings for couples from our area who fill out an application with Adoption Services of WACAP, have occasional social events, and support one another in our "daily struggles".

YAKIMA ADOPTIVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
409 East "R" Street
Yakima, WA 98901
(509)248-8995

Contact Person:
Gail Klingele

GEOGRAPHIC AREA:	Forty mile radius of Yakima
AGENCY AFFILIATION:	Adoption Services of WACAP
YEAR GROUP STARTED:	1978
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:	First Thursday of every month
NEWSLETTERS:	Yes, mailed within one week of meeting
PRIMARY FOCUS OF GROUP:	Support for the person thinking of adoption, going through the adoption process, and after adoption - also, adoption issues.

NORTHWEST RESOURCES

THE NORTHWEST ADOPTION EXCHANGE

909 NE 43rd Street, Suite 208
Seattle, WA 98105
(206)632-1480
Jill Jasper, Director

The Northwest Adoption Exchange is a service to help adoption agencies find homes for special needs children who are waiting for adoption. The Exchange is a cooperative effort between the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Children are registered with the Exchange when they are legally free for adoption and the agency responsible for the child has not been able to locate a family within the area it serves. Families interested in adopting a child with special needs should contact an adoption agency and have a home study completed. The Exchange will put the family's agency in contact with the agencies responsible for children the family would like to consider. The child's agency and the family's agency then work together to plan the placement.

Every child registered with the Exchange is pictured and described on a page in the Exchange's looseleaf book. Families who are interested in adopting a special needs child can be registered with the Exchange by the agency which approved them for adoption. They will also be pictured and described in the Exchange book.

The book is distributed to public and private adoption agencies and parent groups in the states served by the Exchange. It is updated monthly. If no family is found from the book listing, the Exchange will do other publicity as needed until the child is placed.

All the children registered with the Northwest Adoption Exchange have some very special needs. Some need special medical care, or extra patience and understanding. Some need special education programs or counseling. Some need a family that can also adopt their brothers and sisters. Some need parents of a particular race. Some simply need a family that would enjoy having a teenager.

The families who can adopt these children are as varied as the children themselves. Some are married, and some are not. Most are experienced parents, but not all of them have children in their homes. Some need help with the financial responsibilities of raising another child. All of them enjoy being parents and look forward to the challenges and rewards of adding a special needs child to their family.

The Exchange is not an adoption agency. We do not do homestudies or make decisions on the placement of children. Our function is to make sure that no child misses out on having a family of his own because families and agencies did not know he was available for adoption.

NORTHWEST RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

School of Social Work, JH-30
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98105
(206) 543-1517
Pamela Day, Director

The Resource Center's services and resources are aimed primarily at state agencies, volunteer agencies, and nontraditional organizations and parent groups providing services to children, youth, and families in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

The Resource Center's objectives are:

1. Further the development of an integrated continuum of services to children, youth, and families in Northwest states and communities by providing a clearinghouse for information exchange and transfer of technology.

2. Improve the quality of existing services to children, youth, and families through technical assistance to state agencies, voluntary agencies, and nontraditional providers and parent groups.

3. Enhance state and local leadership capacities with regard to planning, implementing, and assessing innovative approaches to services for children, youth, and families.

"Adoption of Children With Special Needs - A Selected Bibliography" is available as are other bibliographies on related issues.

The Resource Center has a Regional Adoption Program Committee which includes:

Katherine Donner
Adoption of Children
with Developmental Disabilities
Seattle, WA

Harriet Gahr
North American Council
on Adoptable Children
McMinnville, OR

Jill Jasper
Northwest Adoption Exchange
Seattle, WA

Beth Meyers
Oregon Children's
Services Division
Salem, OR

Marilee Ripley
Adoption Services
of WACAP
Port Angeles, WA

Nancy Roberts-Brown
Washington Department of Social
and Health Services
Olympia, WA

Sue Smith
North American Council
on Adoptable Children
Post Falls, ID

Lillian Thorgerson
North American Council
on Adoptable Children
Bothell, WA

Shirley Wheatley
Idaho Department of
Health and Welfare
Boise, ID

NATIONAL RESOURCES

NATIONAL ADOPTION EXCHANGE

ADOPTION CENTER OF DELAWARE VALLEY
1218 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215)925-0200
Marlene Piasecki, Director

The National Adoption Exchange has two components, an Adoption Service Bureau and an Adoption Exchange. The Service Bureau provides technical and management services to exchanges and agencies. The Adoption Exchange provides information, registration, family recruitment, matching and referral services for children and potential adoptive parents. A photolist of children, representative of those registered on the exchange, is available through subscription.

The children registered on the National Adoption Exchange are primarily between the ages of 7 and 17. Some of them are brothers and sisters (usually three or more children) who need a home together. Most of the children have mental, emotional, and/or physical disabilities that require special care. Many of the children belong to minority groups.

The National Adoption Exchange helps to link families and children between agencies and across state lines. It does not, however, determine where children will be placed. Child and family registration forms may be obtained from the Exchange. Agencies may register children whenever they feel that national exposure will increase the likelihood of finding a family. People who have completed a homestudy may register themselves or be registered by their agency. Once the completed forms are received, staff review the files for potential placements and notify the child's and family's agencies. At the same time, the family is notified of any child suggested by the Exchange.

The Exchange works in coordination with social services, community, and media efforts to give national visibility to children who have limited adoption resources. The recruitment is targeted toward Black, Hispanic, and American Indian families, as well as toward families for developmentally and physically disabled children and adolescents.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION

1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

(202)463-7559

The National Committee for Adoption was formed in 1979 to:

- support agency adoptions and discourages non-agency adoption
- encourage non-proft agencies that provide infant adoption services and services to unmarried parents
- advocate for standards of professional practice in adoptions
- develop and work with state committees on adoption
- provide informative sources such as a monthly newsletter, "National Adoption Reports" and directories and books on adoption

The National Committee for Adoption has individual, corporate, and agency memberships.

NATIVE AMERICAN ADOPTION RESOURCE EXCHANGE

Council of Three Rivers
American Indian Center
200 Charles Street
Dorseyville, PA 15238
(412) 782-4457

Contact Person:
Anne McCann

The Native American Adoption Resource Exchange was started to help Indian families remain intact by the maintenance of a national exchange of Native children waiting for adoption. A bulletin, "Council Kids", features descriptions and pictures of waiting children and is available on an exchange basis to other photolisting services.

NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON ADOPTABLE CHILDREN (NACAC)
1346 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 229
Washington, DC 20036
(202)466-7570

Contact Person:
Laurie Flynn

The North American Council on Adoptable Children was formed as an umbrella organization to unify and collectively represent the growing number of adoptive parent groups. NACAC's programs and activities include:

* "Adoptalk", a monthly newsletter on adoption, foster care, and parenting.

* "Adoption Week", an annual celebration during Thanksgiving to focus attention on adoptive families and draw attention to children waiting to be adopted.

* NACAC Conferences - sponsorship of continent-wide forums on adoption.

* Adoption Advocacy - training support of key advocates to enable them to facilitate the activities of local groups (see Northwest Resource Center for Children, Youth, and Families, p. 1, for state and regional representatives.)

* "Training and Education in Adoption Methods" (TEAM). This is a program to develop and test training materials which increase the cooperation of experienced adoptive parents and agency staff in the recruitment, preparation, and support for adoptive parents for children with special needs. Two publications describe their efforts: A Guide to Local TEAM Programs and The TEAM Parent Preparation Handbook.

* Adoption Education and Family Recruitment. NACAC is involved in the development and dissemination of materials used in public education and recruitment of adoptive families. Current pamphlets include:

  - "Adopting A Child With A Disability"

  - "Adoption Exchanges - Resources for Waiting Children and Families"

  - "All About Adoptive Parent Groups"

  - "Who Are The Children Who Wait?"

REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Ten regional resource centers have been established to respond to various needs in children, youth, and family issues. All of the centers have a focus on the adoption of special needs children.

REGION I (serves Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont):

New England Resource Center for Children and Families
Judge Baker Guidance Center
295 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 232-8390

REGION II (serves New York, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands):

Region II Resource Center for Children and Youth
Family Life Development Center
College of Human Ecology
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 256-7794

REGION III (serves Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia):

Region III Resource Center for Children, Youth, and Families
School of Social Work
Virginia Commonwealth University
1001 West Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23284
(804) 257-6231

REGION IV (serves Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee):

Southeastern Resource Center for Children and Youth Services
School of Social Work
University of Tennessee
1838 Terrace Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37996-3920
(615) 974-6015

REGION V (serves Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin):

Region V Resource Center on Children and Youth Services
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
P.O. Box 785
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 963-4184

REGION VI (serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas):

Region VI Resource Center on Children, Youth, and Families
School of Social Work
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-4067

REGION VII (serves Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska):

Region VII Consolidated Regional Resource Center
University of Iowa, Oakdale Campus
Iowa City, IA 52319
(319) 353-4791

REGION VIII (serves Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming):

Region VIII Family Resource Center
Graduate School of Social Work
University of Denver
Denver, CO 80208
(303) 753-2886

REGION IX (serves Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, and Pacific Trust Territories):

Region IX Resource Center for Children and Youth Services
California State University, Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(213) 224-3283

REGION X (serves, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington):

Northwest Resource Center for Children, Youth, and Families
School of Social Work, University of Washington
4101 - 15th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98195
(206) 543-1517

APPENDICES

ADOPTION FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

10016 Roosevelt Way N.E.
Seattle, WA 98125
(206) 523-5529

Contact Person:
Katherine Donner

This is a Washington State project aimed at the adoptive placement of children with developmental disabilities. Training programs are open to state and voluntary agencies and parent groups, and provide information or understanding of developmental disabilities, recruitment efforts, and skills in permanency planning and placement.

CREATIVE LEARNING, INC.

3201 New Mexico Avenue, NW, Suite 270

Washington, D.C. 20016

Contact Person:

Marsha K. Salus

This project involves developing networks and improving permanency for children through the training of trainers. Staff from agencies throughout the country will be trained to conduct subsequent sessions for members of minority group organizations, child welfare agencies, and other groups.

THE FRIENDS OF BLACK CHILDREN

Group Child Care Consultant Services

School of Social Work

University of North Carolina

300 Battle Hill

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Contact Person:

Helen Berry

This is a project which aims to develop effective ways for local black community groups and social service agency staff to work together in the adoption of black children. Statewide task forces to develop strategies and disseminate information are being set up.

IMPROVING PERMANENCY OUTCOME FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE CHILDREN

American Indian Law Center
P.O. Box 4456 - Station A
Albuquerque, NM 87196
(505)277-5462

Nancy M. Tuthill, Director

The focus of this project is on greater permanency for American Indian and Alaskan Native Children. The emphasis of the project is twofold: to establish and strengthen tribal-state relationships to avoid jurisdictional conflicts in planning for permanency; and to enhance the skills of those providing such child welfare services as preplacement preventative services, reunification services, foster care, and adoption services to under-served children and their families.

"Improving Permanency Outcome for American Indian and Alaskan Native Children" is a three-phase training and technical assistance project. Phase one includes orientation and planning. Phase two includes the provision of five days of training and emphasizes joint planning and the "how to" of tribal-state agreements. Phase three, follow-up emphasizes stabilizing colloborative relationships established during the training sessions and providing technical assistance in implementing permanency planning.

Training participants includ tribal staff, state staff, and federal staff.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC)

American Public Welfare Association
1125 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 293-7550

Contact Person:
Betsey Rosenbaum

This project aims to continue the support and maintenance of the operation of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. A major activity is to devise an administratively sound interstate compact mechanism through which adoption assistance agreements can be implemented according to the requirements of P.L. 96-272. Administrative and technical support to states also is provided.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Lewis Cass Building

Lansing, MI 48926

Contact Person:

Paul D. VanderVelde

The Michigan Department of Mental Health is working with Spaulding for Children on a project to train mental health workers to identify potentially adoptable children with developmental disabilities. Spaulding for Children will conduct training sessions to make mental health workers more aware of the need for permanency planning for children and help them identify children living in community residential families and foster homes who might be freed for adoption.

THE NATIONAL BLACK CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

1463 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20005

Contact Person:

Evelyn K. Moore

The National Black Child Development Institute is involved in a project to assist state and local agencies in their search for permanent homes for black children. This project provides training and technical assistance to agencies, developing coalitions, and disseminating information on successful approaches.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADOPTION PROJECT

Spaulding Southwest Adoption Agency
4219 Richmond Avenue, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 850-9707

Contact Person:
Kitty Clement

Spaulding Southwest, a private adoption agency, is working with Ripley House, a neighborhood center in the Mexican-American community, to demonstrate the effectiveness of networking in the placement of Mexican-American children. Activities include recruiting adoptive families, preparing families to parent a child with special needs, and post-placement services. Trained volunteers work with agency staff and adoptive parent groups to offer post placement support for new adoptive parents.

ONE CHURCH, ONE CHILD

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
510 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 793-6878

Contact Person:
Anthony J. Veronico

This is a project of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service and the Holy Angels Church aimed at the recruitment of Black families for waiting Black children. "One Church, One Child" calls for each church in the Black community to take responsibility for the adoption of one child by a member of its congregation. A program featuring slides of Black children who need adoptive homes and a panel discussion by Black adoptive parents is being presented to churches in Illinois. Materials on replicating the program in other states are being prepared.

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OREGON ADOPTIVE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (O.A.R.A.)
P.O. Box 1332
Beaverton, OR 97075
(503) 297-6506

Contact Person:
Emmie Allen

WHAT IS OARA?

OARA is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon. OARA is basically a support group dealing with the many emotional effects experienced by members of the adoption triad. OARA also seeks to inform the public regarding the ramifications of adoption.

IS OARA A SEARCH GROUP?

No. OARA is mainly supportive. OARA will help in a search as advisors. OARA does not do the actual searching. However, OARA will act as an aide to a person in search by supplying him with numerous procedures on how to search and training him in how to use available research resources.

WHAT IS OARA'S STAND ON THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY ABOUT ADOPTEE'S RIGHTS?

Adult adoptees have the absolute right to full and accurate information about their origins. This includes identification and meeting with the birthparent if so desired. They are entitled to the same respect and freedom as non-adopted adults regarding birth history. With this right, however, comes an inherent responsibility: adoptees must respect any need for discretion on their birthparents part. It should be understood that any continuing relationship with the birthparent can only be the result of a mutual desire.

HOW IS CONFIDENTIALITY HANDLED?

All OARA records are kept private and confidential. Each family must decide for itself how much information will be shared with the public. OARA will at no time disclose names, or situations without the consent of all parties involved.

WHO MAY BE A MEMBER?

A person must be at least the age of majority according to the laws of the State of Oregon, or emancipated by the courts to be a member of OARA and to receive OARA services. OARA membership is not limited to members of the adoption triad. Family members, friends, and interested persons are all welcome. First year membership donation is $35. Renewals are $20.

MEETINGS

General meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Multnomah County Library at 7:00 pm. Rap sessions are at various times and places throughout the state.

WASHINGTON ADOPTEE'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT (W.A.R.M.)
220 Kirkland Avenue, Suite 10
Kirkland, WA 98033
(206) 827-6680

Contact Person:
Donna Dunbar, Executive Director
Hours: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, M-F

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA SERVED: Members are from the State of Washington and all over the USA, basically assistance offered to those living in the State of Washington and those adopted in the State of Washington, however, have had luck in other states as WARM's methods grow.

HISTORY: Founded in 1976, incorporated in State of Washington in June 1977. Board of Directors is the ruling authority of the organization. Organization supported 100% by membership fees and donations. (Donations are tax deductible.) WARM, was established with the belief that a specially trained intermediary make the initial contact. WARM publishes a monthly newsletter.

PURPOSE: An adult search and support group for adult adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents.

ELIGIBILITY: Any adult 18 or over who is financially independent of his/her family.

FEE SCHEDULE: $150 initial application fee, and then an advance for the expenses that will be incurred in the search process. Renewal dues after one year $25.

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Search assistance for those with their own information. Confidential intermediaries for the "initial call." Library, Mutual Aid Society meetings throughout the State of Washington. WARM's specialized techniques of gaining legal access to sealed records through petitioning the court records. Reunion registry in Washington and on a national level. Educational speakers for agencies, media, etc., toward changes in adoption.

COMMITTEES RELATED TO ADOPTION ISSUES: Legislation, Birthparent Study Group, Publicity.

COMMENTS: Although WARM assists anyone over the age of 18, it does not advocate the interruption of the adoptive family until the child reaches age 18 or is financially independent. WARM is in constant contact with over 200 similar organizations throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, England, etc. WARM is affiliated with the American Adoption Congress, an umbrella group for the above organizations and are specifically a member of the Western Conference, made of all the western states.

PLEASE TEAR OUT

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

DATE _____(1)
FOCUS ____CWS
____YS (2)
____C/AN

ADOPTION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

EVALUATION

Please check only one response for each of the following questions. Space is provided for additional comments.

NAME: _____(3) ORGANIZATION NAME _____(4)

1. Type of organization you work for: (check one from 1A and one from 1B)

A 1.___Private (5)
2.___Public

B 1.___Social Service (6)
2.___Advocacy
3.___Parent Group
4.___Business
5.___Other (_____)

2. State?

1.___Alaska (7)
2.___Idaho
3.___Oregon
4.___Washington
5.___Other (_____)

3. Your position within the organization?

1.___Volunteer (8)
2.___Manager/Director
3.___Supervisor
4.___Social Worker
5.___Other (_____)

4. In terms of your work, how useful did you find the resource directory?

1.___Not useful at all (9)
2.___Somewhat useful
3.___Very useful

5. Did you share the resource directory with others?

1.___No (10)
2.___Yes, with others within this organization
3.___Yes, with persons in other organizations
4.___Yes, both answers 2 and 3 above

6. In your opinion, is this service valuable enough to be continued?

1.___Yes, definitely a priority
2.___Yes, if resources permit
3.___No, I do not think so
4.___No, definitely not (11)

7. Do you think this directory will improve your capacity to respond to adoption requests?

1.___Yes, definitely
2.___Yes, I think so (12)
3.___Too soon to tell
4.___No, I don't think so
5.___No, definitely not

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Please return to:

Northwest Resource Center
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Seattle, WA 98195

Thank you.

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